Production Cost of Agro Produces

†1032. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the production cost of agro-produces in the country;

(b) if so, the average production cost at national level assessed for wheat, rice, cotton, sugarcane, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2002-03;

(c) what was the production cost for the same five years ago; and

(d) the reasons for rise in the production cost during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The estimates of cost of production of wheat, paddy (rice), cotton, sugarcane, oilseeds and pulses for the major States for the year 2002-03 vis-a-vis 1997-98 are given in the Statement (*See* below). As the cost estimates are generated only for major States in respect of different crops, national level estimates are not generated.

(d) The rise in the cost of production is mainly due to increase in wages and other input costs. In the case of some States/Crops, decline in yield has also contributed to rise in cost of production.

Statement

Cost of Production of selected crops

Crop	State	Cost of Production (Rs./Quintal)	
		2002-03*	1997-98
Wheat	Haryana	458.56	391.85
	Punjab	443.42	411.97
	Rajasthan	530.52	393.02
	Uttar Pradesh	465.01	362.65
Paddy	Andhra Pradesh	533.51	436.72
	Assam	512.10	413.02
	Bihar	440.60	373.42
	Orissa	477.04**	344.73
	Punjab	440.40	356.40

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Crop	State	Cost of Production (Rs./Quintal)	
		2002-03*	1997-98
	Tamil Nadu	572.66	442.75$
	Uttar Pradesh	423.24	337.91
	West Bengal	546.24	429.26
Cotton	Andhra Pradesh	1708.00**	2001.80
	Gujarat	1571.56	1376.92
	Haryana	2054.40	2130.24
	Maharashtra	2268.83**	1548.81***
	Punjab	1893.26	2845.02
Sugarcane	Karnataka	43.11	34.72
	Maharashtra	62.81	43.59
	Tamil Nadu	57.76	46.79$
	Uttar Pradesh	57.67	43.08
Soyabean	Madhya Pradesh	829.93	743.08
	Maharashtra	868.06	775.72
Groundnut	Andhra Pradesh	1588.24	1384.19
	Gujarat	1157.44	933.46
	Karnataka	1396.55	1499.40
	Tamil Nadu	1291.78	1025.37
Rapeseed & Mustard	Haryana	1086.28	1381.27
	Rajasthan	998.28	985.34
	U.P.	1102.54	1336.96
Gram	Bihar	1265.92	1115.36
	Madhya Pradesh	1140.87	880.97
	Uttar Pradesh	980.77	728.46
Arhar	Gujarat	1255.27	1352.19
	Madhya Pradesh	1172.20	1221.31
	Maharashtra	1099.55	1267.17
	Uttar Pradesh	1101.29	985.45

NOTE: The figures of cost of production are lower in 2002-03 vis-a-vis 1997-98 in respect of some States/Crops due to differences in yield.

* Projected by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices on the basis of data of the previous years supplied by Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, for the purpose of recommending Minimum Support Prices.

** Pertains to latest available year 2000-01.

*** Pertains to the year 1996-97.

$ Pertains to the year 1998-99.